

14 October 2003



Securities and Exchange Commission Office of International Corporate Finance 450 Fifth Street N.W. Washington DC 20549 United States of America



Dear Sir/Madam,

## RE: WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD. - EXEMPTION FILE NO. 82.2280

In accordance with Rule 12g 3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we enclose a copy of the following Stock Exchange Releases which has/have recently been filed with the Australian Stock Exchange ("ASX") in relation to:

Mauritania PSC-B, Block 4 (Chinguetti-4-5), lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange on 14 October 2003:

It would be greatly appreciated if you could return by fax (+61 8 9348 4990) a copy of this letter as proof of receipt.

Yours faithfully WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD.

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## WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD. ABN 55 004 898 962

## STOCK EXCHANGE RELEASE

## Mauritania PSC-B, Block 4 Chinguetti-4-5

Woodside Mauritania Pty Ltd, Operator of the Mauritania Area B Joint Venture, reports that at 00:00 hours on 14 October 2003 production testing operations were underway in the Chinguetti-4-5 combined appraisal and early development well.

Since the last report, completion operations have finished.

All reported times are UTC (also known as GMT).

Participants in the Area B PSC are as follows:	Area Β (Cningueπi)
Woodside Mauritania Pty Ltd	35.0% (Operator)
AGIP Mauritania BV	35.0%
Hardman Resources Ltd	21.6%
Fusion Mauritania B Limited	6.0%
Roc Oil (Mauritania) Company	2.4%

ANTHONY NIARDONE Asst. Company Secretary